

April 23, 1954

Ralph A. Tudor
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ralph:

Hereinafter is given briefly the status of the various projects:

Everett - Tacoma Toll Road

Nothing new. As I told you over the phone last Tuesday night, Allan Pomeroy, Mayor of Seattle, appeared before the Toll Bridge Authority the previous week and opposed the toll road. That is why Bill Bugge said it was a "dead duck". I will check with Bill Bugge again next week and keep you informed.

Second Lake Washington Bridge

This has reached an impasse. Sharp remarks are flying back and forth between the Mayor of Seattle and the Governor as to who is dragging his feet. The Governor has thrown the matter into Seattle's and King County's lap, saying "It is up to them now".

Portland Commission of Public Docks

We had to make a revision in our report, or more particularly in our covering letter, primarily to correspond with what the Commission had promised. Tom Guerin has just given us the green light on the revised draft, and we have today released the report to the printer. We expect to receive copies of the report to submit to the Commission by the end of next week.

Bremerton Bridge

The City has decided to distribute the report among various civic bodies for the purpose of obtaining favorable endorsements. So far there has apparently been little opposition to the imposition of tolls on the existing bridge. Paul Speer is assisting the City in drawing up proposed legislation authorizing the collection of tolls.

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Spokane Bridge

Bert LaVigne, Tom Mackenzie, Howard Ward, and Claus Scheye are in Spokane this week on the supplementary traffic survey. They had themselves televised handing out traffic survey cards. It was an excellent idea.

Astoria Bridge

The Port of Astoria has furnished to Pacific County, Washington all data, including minutes of the Oregon Highway Commission meeting which endorsed the bridge, for the purpose of setting up a meeting with the Washington Toll Bridge Authority. I will attend such a meeting, and probably Paul Speer will also.

The Dalles Bridge

Enclosed is a copy of the report which Les prepared today.

Walnut Creek Traffic and Parking Survey

Byron Nishkian was approached by Walnut Creek and he asked whether we would be interested in accepting as consultants or co-venturers on the subject survey. We have. Copies of our proposal are being submitted tonight. A copy is attached for your information.

Have just received a letter from Paul Speer advising that he would probably be in the Seattle area about May. I will rendezvous with him. Perhaps the toll road situation will have clarified so that it will be advisable for you to make the trip at the same time. We will keep you informed.

Perhaps you know that Allard Calkins is retiring. A clipping is attached.

Sincerely yours,

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